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SUBJECT: PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR VISA APPLICANTS

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1. AT MEETING JULY 20 WITH CONSULAR DEPARTMENT, USLO
RAISED QUESTION OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS. WE DID SO PARTLY
IN RESPONSE TO A-1098 AND THE DEPARTMENT'S OMS OF APRIL 19
AND JUL 1 AND PARTLY BECAUSE ETHIOPIAN COLLEAGUE RAISED QUESTION
OF HIS DAUGHTER APPLYING FOR VISA HERE TO GO TO STUDY IN THE U.S.

2. WE ASKED WHICH WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES TO
DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH, EXPLAINING THAT CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF VISAS
REQUIRE APPLICANT TO HAVE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.

3. CONSULAR OFFICIAL SAID THAT WHEN A PERSON WISHES TO GO
ABROAD, HE OBTAINS A MEDICAL EXAMINATION FORM WITH THE
TYPE OF EXAMINATIONS CLEARLY LISTED. HE THEN PRESENTS THIS
AND REQUIREMENTS TO A HOSPITAL AND IS GIVEN THE APPROPRIATE
EXAMINATIONS.

4. ASKED IF THERE WERE SPECIFIC HOSPITALS FOR THESE EXAMINATIONS,
THE CONSULAR OFFICIAL REPLIED THERE WERE NOT. IF THE APPLICANT
WERE A FOREIGNER, HE WOULD GO TO A HOSPITAL DESIGNATED FOR
FOREIGNERS. IF HE WERE CHINESE, HE WOULD GO TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE
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HE IS USUALLY TREATED. IN ANY CASE IT WOULD BE TO A HOSPITAL WHICH

HAS THE NECESSARY FACILITIES TO CONDUCT THE EXAMINATION.

5. WE BELIEVE MEDICAL EXAMINATION REPORTS PROVIDED BY THESE HOSPITALS WOULD BE ACCURATE AND RELIABLE.

6. COINCIDENTALLY, CANADIANS TOLD US ON JULY 16 THAT CHINESE APPLICANTS UNDER RE-UNIFICATION OF FAMILIES AGREEMENT ARE BEING MEDICALLY EXAMINED BY CHINESE DOCTORS ACCORDING TO CANADIAN SPECIFICATIONS. THE EXAMINATION REPORTS ARE REVIEWED BY CANADIAN DOCTORS IN HONG KONG.

7. WE PROPOSE TO HAVE FS-398 TRANSLATED AND PRINTED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, CHANGING ONLY WORDS "AMERICAN CONSUL" TO "UNITED STATES LIAISON OFFICE." SHOULD A MEDICAL EXAMINATION BE NECESSARY, WE WOULD SEND FS-398 PLUS A MODIFIED FS-398B(WE WOULD USE ONLY SECOND PARAGRAPH) TO SERVE AS "LETTER OF INTRODUCTION," WHICH IS A SINA QUA NON TO OBTAIN SERVICES IN CHINA.

8. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS.
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